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SUBJECT: IDF RETENTION NEGOTIATIONS - CONTINUED EDITORIAL  
COMMENT

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1. OCTOBER 1 PAPERS FEATURED FURTHER EDITORIAL REACTION  
TO LAST WEEK'S IDF AGREEMENT. PROGRESSIVE PARTY'S TIMINN  
DEFENDED ROLE OF FOREIGN MINISTER EINAR AGUSTSSON BUT  
REMAINED SILENT ON SUBSTANCE OF NEGOTIATIONS. FOLLOWING  
ARE HIGHLIGHTS:

2. TIMINN CRITICIZED SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIRMAN  
GYLFI GISLASON FOR WHAT IT TERMED "TASTELESS" ATTEMPT TO  
BELITTLE EINAR AGUSTSSON FOR LATTER'S ROLE IN NEGOTIATIONS  
(REFTEL). REASONS WHY FONMIN IS NOW SPOKESMAN FOR  
DEFENSE POLICY WHICH DIFFERS FROM THAT HE PRESENTED  
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UNDER LEFTIST GOVERNMENT NEED NO ELABORATION, SAID TIMINN.

AGUSTSSON COULD HAVE ACTED NO DIFFERENTLY, AND HE STANDS AS TALL AS EVER, DESPITE EFFORTS OF CRITICS.

PEOPLES ALLIANCE DAILY THJODVILJINN FOCUSED ON FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF NEGOTIATIONS, CITING PRESS ACCOUNTS TO EFFECT THAT US IS COMMITTED TO SPEND SOME 76 MILLION DOLLARS (SIC) TO IMPLEMENT AGREEMENT. THIS SUM, SAID EDITORIAL, WOULD FIND ITS WAY INTO POCKETS OF IP AND PP ENTREPRENEURS WHO MADE IT THEIR BUSINESS TO INSURE THAT PROFITS RESULTING FROM MILITARY OCCUPATION WERE DIVIDED BETWEEN TWO PARTIES.

4. SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S ALTHYDUBLADID, AS IT DID YESTERDAY (REFTEL), SAID TERMS REACHED IN WASHINGTON WERE IN ALL MAIN RESPECTS SAME AS THOSE INTRODUCED EARLIER THIS YEAR BY SDP. FOLLOWING HYSTERICAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN SPEARHEADED BY EXTREMISTS OF LEFT AND RIGHT, SAID PAPER, GOVERNMENT HAD, IN LAST ANALYSIS, ADOPTED RATIONAL SOLUTION ADVOCATED BY SOCIAL DEMOCRATS.  
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